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A limited liability partnership formed in the State of Delaware

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Case 3:08-cv-00531-MMC

Pursuant to Local Rule 6-1(a), the parties stipulate to an extension of time to answer, move or otherwise respond to the Complaint pending a decision on centralization of this and other matters by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation ("MDL Panel") in MDL Docket No. 1938, *In re Vytorin/Zetia Marketing, Sales a Product Liability Litigation*. Attached here to as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the parties' signed agreement.

DATED: February 19, 2008.

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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 Health CASE #: 3:08-cv-00531-JL Benefits Trust, and Claudia Edwards, on ) behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, ) Plaintiffs, VS. ORDER EXTENDING TIME TO MERCK & CO., INC.; SCHERING-ANSWER, MOVE OR OTHERWISE PLOUGH CORPORATION; and RESPOND TO COMPLAINT MERCK/SCHERING-PLOUGH PENDING DECISION ON PHARMACEUTICALS. TRANSFER BY JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION Defendants.

This matter having come before the Court on application of the Defendants for an extension of time to answer, move or otherwise respond to the Complaint pending a decision on centralization of this and other matters by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation ("MDL Panel") in MDL Docket No. 1938, In Re Vytorin/Zetia Marketing, Sales and Products Liability Litigation, and the Plaintiffs having consented to the extension on the terms set forth below, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Defendants shall notify the Court of the decision of the MDL Panel within three business days after the MDL Panel issues its decision, and it is further

ORDERED that the time within which the Defendants may answer, move or otherwise respond to the Complaint in the above matter is hereby extended to a date to be FEB-17-2008 13:26 From:

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set at the first scheduling conference after the MDL Panel issues its decision, and it is further

ORDERED that if the Defendants file a responsive pleading in any other similar action pending in another federal district court, they shall notify the Plaintiffs' counsel before filing such a pleading, and the Plaintiffs may then file a motion to amend this Order. Defendants reserve the right to oppose such a motion.

The undersigned consent to the form and substance of the above Order

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